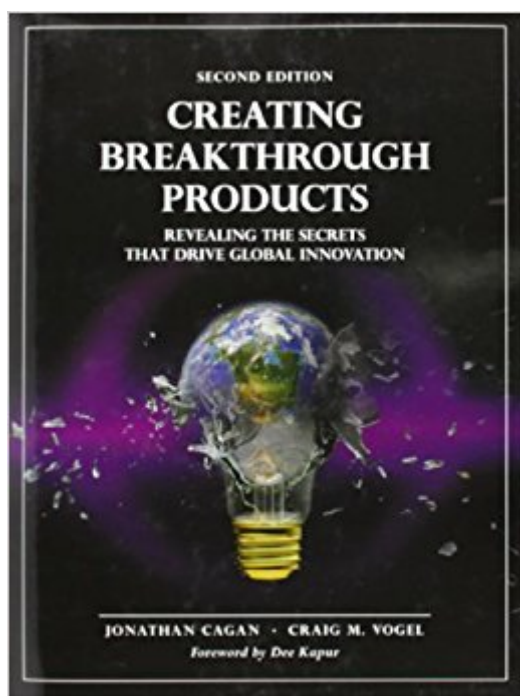


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Creating Breakthrough Products: Revealing The Secrets That Drive Global Innovation (2nd Edition)



Synopsis

For years, Jonathan Cagan's and Craig M. Vogel's *Creating Breakthrough Products* has offered an indispensable roadmap for uncovering new opportunities, identifying what customers really value, and building products and services that redefine markets or create entirely new markets. Now, the authors have thoroughly updated their classic book, adding new chapters on service design and global innovation, plus new insights, best practices, and case studies from both U.S. and global companies. Their new Second Edition compares revolutionary (Apple-style) and evolutionary (Disney-style) approaches to innovation, helping decision-makers choose between them, and make either one work. Cagan and Vogel provide more coverage of Value Opportunity Analysis and ethnography, as well as new case studies ranging from Navistar's latest long-haul truck to P&G's reinvention of Herbal Essence. Throughout, readers will find up-to-date insights into identifying Product Opportunity Gaps that can lead to enormous success; navigating the "Fuzzy Front End" of product development; and leveraging contributions from diverse product teams while staying relentlessly focused on customers' values and lifestyles, from strategy through execution. Using additional visual maps and illustrations, they've made their best-selling book even more intuitive and accessible to both industry and academic audiences.

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Edition shows how companies like Apple and Disney manage evolutionary and revolutionary innovation, helping you choose between them and make your best strategy work in your organization. You will find important new insights into identifying Product Opportunity Gaps that can lead to enormous success; effectively navigating the "Fuzzy Front End" of product development; and leveraging contributions from diverse product teams. Cagan and Vogel present powerful new case studies ranging from Navistar's latest long-haul truck to P&G's reinvention of Herbal Essences, and offer insightful updates to the First Edition's pioneering cases. More than ever, *Creating Breakthrough Products* will help you deliver the right innovations and products: offerings that succeed powerfully because they are laser-focused on your customers' values and lifestyles. Moving to the "value quadrant" in product/service development Understand the seven key attributes of value and focus R&D on maximizing some or all of them Uncovering huge Product Opportunity Gaps nobody else has exploited Find immense opportunities in the hidden connections among social change, economic trends, and technical innovation Crafting tomorrow's dominant product-service ecosystems Integrate products, interaction, and service to drive value competitors can't match Winning innovation everywhere: new cases, remarkable lessons across the globe From metal cutting to packaging, elementary school classrooms to the Dallas Cowboys Stadium

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The authors framework application on the case studies seems rather forced. For products like OXO

or Starbucks, there is no evidence to suggest that the innovation teams applied the framework promoted by the authors. It may be more suited for enterprise scenarios as some others have suggested. I know some people who have read this book and found it to be insightful. It may be a matter of perspective and/or experience.

It seems today, innovation and product development professionals recommend short business texts filled with concise case studies highlighting new concepts of breakthrough innovation without a focus on how divergent teams successfully work together and measure their progress and success. Eric Reis' *The Lean Startup: How Today's Entrepreneurs Use Continuous Innovation to Create Radically Successful Businesses* took a great step in providing sets of tools for testing new concepts in iterative ways; however, Vogel and Cagan's *Creating Breakthrough Products: Innovation from Product Planning to Program Approval* (paperback) was among the first to breakdown the discipline of innovation between business, design and engineering and provide tools and academic cases that support their implementation in diverse business practices. Vogel and Cagan's update to *Creating Breakthrough Products* has introduced excellent additions to their first text. New case studies including designing for older adults/baby boomers and service challenges bring new life to the SET Factors and Value Opportunity Analysis. I would recommend this to design managers, multidisciplinary creative professionals, corporate strategy teams, and entrepreneurs.

I was looking for an updated book to supplement a senior-level design class, and this book fit the bill. I found Chapter 7 especially helpful as it contained information, which I had previously been providing using research papers, in a form that is much more digestible by undergraduate students. I was glad to see that the OXO products remained in the book, and found "Ron the contractor/tailgate" example helpful for teaching. I started this year's lecture with the OXO peeler example, and my class is much more engaged this year than in past years. My sense is that students can better appreciate the relevance of this book to their lives/future careers than most other texts. This text would also serve well for a graduate course on product development.

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